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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of producing a transgenic turfgrass plant, comprising the steps of:

- (a) culturing organogenic tissue from <u>a</u> the turfgrass plant on a medium that promotes de-differentiation of the tissue, to produce regenerable callus tissue;
- (b) inoculating the callus tissue with *Agrobacterium* carrying at least one vector for transformation, the vector comprising virulence genes from plasmid pSB1 or pSB4, in which vector is inserted a heterologous DNA construct and a selectable marker conferring antibiotic resistance to transformed cells, wherein the DNA construct and selectable marker are operably linked to a promoter from a monocotyledonous species, wherein the inoculating comprises mixing the callus tissue with the *Agrobacterium* under conditions permitting the *Agrobacterium* to infiltrate the callus tissue, thereby forming *Agrobacterium*-infiltrated callus tissue;
- (c) co-culturing the Agrobacterium-infiltrated eulturing the inoculated callus tissue under conditions that enable the Agrobacterium vector to transform cells of the Agrobacterium-infiltrated callus tissue;
- (d) <u>selecting transformed cells by selectively</u> culturing the <u>Agrobacterium-infiltrated</u> inoculated callus tissue on a selection medium comprising an antibiotic, wherein the transformed cells are resistant to the antibiotic <u>and are selected by their growth in the presence of the antibiotic</u>; and
- (e) regenerating a transformed turfgrass plant from the <u>transformed cells</u> selectively cultured callus tissue.
- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the turfgrass is a species selected from the group consisting of creeping bentgrass, tall fescue, velvet bentgrass, perennial ryegrass, hard fescue, Chewings fescue, strong creeping fescue, colonial bentgrass and Kentucky bluegrass.
 - Canceled.

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5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the promoter is selected from the

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group consisting of maize ubiquitin gene promoters, rice actin gene promoters, maize Adh 1

gene promoters, rice or maize tubulin (Tub A, B or C) gene promoters, and alfalfa His 3 gene

promoters.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the selectable marker

gene confers hygromycin resistance on transformed cells tissue.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the organogenic tissue

is seed tissue.

8. (Original) A transgenic turfgrass plant prepared by the method of claim 1.

9. (Previously presented) A transgenic seed of the turfgrass plant of claim 8.

10. (Original) The transgenic turfgrass plant of claim 8, which comprises a

transgene selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a gene encoding glucose oxidase;

(b) a gene encoding citrate synthase;

(c) a gene encoding Δ -9 desaturase from Saccharomyces cerevisiae or

Cryptococcus curvatus;

(d) a gene encoding Δ -11 desaturase;

(e) a gene encoding a plant homolog of the neutrophil NADPH oxidase;

(f) a gene encoding bacteriopsin from Halobacterium halobium; and

(g) a gene encoding pokeweed antiviral protein.

11-21. Canceled.